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SUBJECT: ROUNDUP AUGUST 8 - LUANDA

1. AT 0500 HOURS AUGUST 8 MPLA FORCES ATTACKED UNITA'S MAIN DELEGATION ON AVENIDA COMBATENTES. THE UNITA FORCES WERE NOT PREPARED TO FIGHT AND FLED FROM THE AREA. PORTUGUESE TROOPS SHOWED UP WITHIN A FEW MINUTES AND THE SHOOTING ENDED.

2. AN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR REPORTS THAT MPLA HAS PREVENTED WHITES FLEEING TO NAMIBIA FROM PASSING THROUGH PEREIRA D'ECA. WE ARE CHECKING ON THIS.

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3. THE MPLA MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL, LOPO DO

NASCIMENTO, ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE ON AUGUST 7 IN WHICH HE ACCUSED FNLA OF AGGRESSION AND OF TRYING TO SOW CHAOS IN ANGOLA. HE ALSO ACCUSED THE FNLA MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE AND TRADE OF FRAUD. NASCIMENTO EXPRESSED THE APPREHENSION OF MPLA OVER THE UNITA COMMUNIQUE OF AUGUST 4, THE TONE OF WHICH, HE SAID, COULD LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE THERE EXISTED A CONFLICT BETWEEN MPLA AND UNITA. MPLA HAS TRIED TO LIVE UP TO THE ALVOR AGREEMENT AND IF THERE HAVE BEEN OCCASIONS IN WHICH MPLA HAS FIRED UPON UNITA ELEMENTS DURING ENGAGEMENTS WITH FNLA, MOST OF THESE HAVE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CONFLICT. THE MPLA REJECTS THE CONCEPT OF ZONES OF INFLUENCE. THE MPLA AS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED ATTACK ON JONAS SAVIMBI. THE ORGANIZATION HAS AUTHORIZED NASCIMENTO TO ENTER INTO CONTACT WITH UNITA PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL MEMBER JOSE N'DELE TO CLARIFY MPLA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD UNITA. NASCIMENTO BLAMED FNLA FOR THE INOPERATIVENESS OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AND EXHORTED ALL WORKERS TO RETURN TO THEIR JOBS AND WORK HARD IN THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION.

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